

Press Release

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CC: Governor's Office
Date: Monday, July 5, 1999
Re: May meeting of the Authority Board of Directors

15 Companies Receive TTAG Funding

The Board of Directors for the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority accepted 15 Technology Transfer Assistance Grant (TTAG) awards to Arkansas-based companies during its May 21 meeting in Little Rock. The six awards below were funded directly through the Authority's TTAG program:

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| 1. Safe Food Corporation , Fayetteville | \$3,750.00 |
| 2. WatchFrog, Inc., Fayetteville | \$3,090.00 |
| 3. Nivlem, Inc., Pine Bluff | \$3,525.00 |
| 4. Space Photonics, Inc., Fayetteville | \$3,426.00 |
| 5. Agricultural Research Initiatives, Inc., Harrison | \$3,750.00 |
| 6. InvoTek, Inc., Alma | \$1,008.00 |

Safe Food Corporation, Space Photonics, Inc., Agricultural Research Initiatives, Inc., and InvoTek, Inc., applied for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR¹) assistance. WatchFrog, Inc., and Nivlem, Inc., sought assistance in product development.

¹ The Authority operates an SBIR awareness program to help Arkansas-based businesses identify federal funds available through SBIR programs at 11 federal agencies. The Authority disseminates information on SBIR, including presolicitation notices, and helps businesses target proposals to the appropriate agencies for funding.
<http://www.state.ar.us/asta/>

The Authority Board of Directors also approved funding not to exceed \$35,000 for recommended TTAG projects beginning the first quarter of state fiscal year 2000.

TTAG, an Authority program, provides limited financial support for the transfer and deployment of innovative technology. The Authority will fund up to \$3,750 of costs associated with transferring new or existing technology from a qualified applicant, such as a public or private enterprise, laboratory, college or university, to an Arkansas-based enterprise.

<http://www.state.ar.us/asta/ttag.html>

Additionally, the Board accepted nine TTAG projects through its Manufacturing Extension Network (Network) program:

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| 1. Fort Smith Rim and Bow, Fort Smith | \$3,750.00 |
| 2. Capital Structures, Fort Smith | \$3,750.00 |
| 3. Cold Extrusion of America, Jacksonville | \$3,750.00 |
| 4. J & R Pallets, Inc., Springdale | \$3,750.00 |
| 5. White River Hardwoods/Woodworks, Inc. | \$3,746.00 |
| 6. Pro-Line Cabinets, Garfield | \$3,750.00 |
| 7. Advanced Construction Systems, Bryant | \$3,750.00 |
| 8. Wood Designs, Bentonville | \$3,750.00 |
| 9. Inland Container, Fort Smith | \$3,750.00 |

Fort Smith Rim & Bow and Capital Structures requested marketing assistance. Cold Extrusion of America sought assistance in evaluation for bio-remediation. J&R Pallets, Inc., requested assistance in incinerator design. White River Hardwoods/Woodworks, Inc., sought assistance with incorporating foreign languages into design software. Pro-Line Cabinets and Wood Designs requested assistance with software designs. Advanced Construction Systems sought process improvement assistance. Inland Container sought assistance with environmental and safety assessment and contingency planning.

The Authority Board also approved funding not to exceed \$50,000 for recommended Network-based TTAG projects beginning the first quarter of state fiscal year 2000.

*The **Network**, an Authority program, in conjunction with eight partners, provides comprehensive technical and management assistance through the coordination and integration of existing resource providers with new statewide capabilities.*

<http://www.state.ar.us/asta/network.html>

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.

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